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GREEK PATRIOTS HOLD POSITIONS



Plan Struggle for a Free Spain: The speakers' rostrum in the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Toulouse, France, during the first open meeting of the Union Nacional Espanola, organized by exiled Spanish Republicans to support the Supreme Junta of National Union in Spain. The representative of the Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia is shown addressing the meeting. At extreme left is Jesus Martinez, general secretary of the N.N.E. in France and former Socialist deputy of the Spanish Cortes. Second from left is Dr. Juan Aguiasca, president of the U.N.E. in France. In uniform with glasses is Colonel Paz, commander of the guerrillas.

Report ELAS Contacts Gov't In Effort to End Civil Strife

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (UP).—British paratroopers and Greek ELAS snipers played a deadly hide-and-seek on Athens rooftops and around the ancient Parthenon today as the ELAS fighters infiltrated men back into city areas previously cleared, and the Greek fighting went on unabated despite reports of progress toward bringing it to an end.

For the second time since the outbreak a week ago, representatives of the ELAS, military arm of the EAM, the National Liberation Front, established contact with men of the government of Premier George Papandreou, whose order for the disarmament of all resistance forces, plus the ELAS' refusal to surrender weapons unless fascist and quisling groups were disarmed likewise, precipitated the crisis.

A feeler has been tendered for conditions under which the civil war can be ended, it was learned, and some very small progress has been made, although negotiations still are in the preliminary stage.

But Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, commander of Allied forces in Greece, whose British troops are supporting the government, said in a communique that "rebel forces continue to infiltrate, and there is no sign of resistance slackening." He said that "attacks" on British troops were increasing, and the "rebels" announced intention of holding any captured British and Greek troops as prisoners.

600 POLICE KILLED

Official sources said late today that British casualties have been "very light," while the Greek police—on the side of the government—have lost 600 killed, wounded or missing from a force originally numbering 3,000.

It was also disclosed that there was a battalion of ELAS troops now outside Athens which has 75mm guns and a supply of shells.

Scobie said that the general strike which the EAM called in the Athens-Piraeus area Monday had spread northward to Salonika. At 2 p.m., RAF Spitfires roared over the center of Athens at 500-foot altitude, strafing ELAS positions and showering the main street with discharged cartridges.

STRAFING CITY

Beaufighters strafed an area a few miles south of the Parthenon. British machine guns, firing from around the Parthenon and from the rooftops of metropolitan Athens, silenced a machine gun which the ELAS had emplaced upon the slopes of the Acropolis itself.

ELAS snipers, a half-mile from almost the exact center of Athens, sent slugs whirring over the heads of British paratroop snipers firing from the roof of a building once the headquarters of the Communist Party in the city. I watched from the roof as great clouds of yellow smoke and dust billowed up from ELAS-occupied buildings a mile and a half away.

Shortly after 9 a.m., British 25-pounders began shelling an ELAS position in the Greek hospital area after a British observer reported the ELAS were firing a mortar from the hospital grounds, located about 2½ miles north-east of the Parthenon.

In contrast to a police estimate that 5,000 ELAS prisoners had been taken since the start of the fighting, Scobie announced today that the official count stood at "over" 900 officers and men captured and handed over to Greek authorities, but these appeared to be only those taken by British forces.

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Retail Butchers Threaten Strike

By HARRY RAYMOND

Despite intervention by Mayor LaGuardia, the threat of a city-wide retail butchers "holiday" hung over the city yesterday.

19 of Navy Gun Crew Back Greek Protest

Nineteen members of a Navy gun crew on a big American merchant ship back from the war zone have joined the protest movement to save Greece. The gunners joined many National Maritime Union members in signing a vigorous appeal to the American government to take action to stop the shooting of the people of Athens, issued by the Greek American Committee for National Unity, 152 W. 42d St.

Experts Urge Health Plan

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Outstanding doctors today told 150 delegates to a national health conference called by the Physicians Forum what is wrong with the present medical set-up and what ought to be done to improve medical care for the people.

Dr. Franz Goldmann, of the Yale University School of Public Health, said the people would get far better care for the money they spend if payments were regulated under a national plan.

"The question," Dr. Goldmann said, "is not whether we should use a large share of the national income to pay for medical care—supposedly a fundamental right. The question is whether we ought to adopt methods of organization that systematize existing expenditures, ensure the most effective use of available resources and are fair to patients and doctors."

Dr. Goldmann criticized the inadequacy of present voluntary health plans, such as the Blue Cross, covering hospital expenses.

Dr. Ernest P. Boas, chairman of the Physicians' Forum, a group of liberal doctors who oppose the standpat attitude of the American Medical Association on medical care, declared that "present-day medicine is not living up to its potentialities."

Taking issue with the "isolationists" in organized medicine, Boas differed with those doctors who believe that medical care is their own exclusive province and of no concern to the consuming public.

CARE FOR VETS

Millard Rice, director of the Disabled American Veterans, and Dr. Sidney M. Greenberg of New York pointed to defects in the system of providing medical care to veterans.

Among those attending the conference, which is devoted to discussion and will take no action, are:

Drs. John P. Peters and Channing Frothingham of the Physicians Committee for the Improvement of Medical Care; Marion H. Hedges of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL; Robert K. Lamb, of the CIO; George F. Addes, of the United Auto Workers, CIO; Caroline Bruns, of the National Planning Association; Elizabeth Magee, of the National Consumers League; Mrs. Luther Gulick, of the League of Women Voters; James N. Johnson, of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Louis J. Dublin, of the American Red Cross; Dr. A. N. Baggs, of the American Legion; Omar B. Ketchum, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Joseph Anderson, of the American Association of Social Workers.

Gov't Seizes Cudahy Meat Plant

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt today ordered Government seizure of the Cudahy Bros. Co. meat processing plant at Cudahy, Wis., which is threatened with a strike because of the firm's refusal to abide by a War Labor Board order.

A four-man committee representing 10,000 shop owners and headed by Albert Wendel of the N. Y. State Association of Retail Meat Dealers, conferred with the mayor in the afternoon.



Mayor LaGuardia "clamored for a holiday." Plans for a Manhattan Center strike meeting on Sunday have not been changed," he said.

Complaints of the butchers range all the way from protests against Department of Markets enforcement of OPA ceilings to kicks about the shortage of choice beef.

Wendel said any statement concerning the City Hall conference would have to come from the Mayor. Markets Commissioner Henry M. Brundage, who also attended the meeting, said the Mayor was "very much concerned" over the situation.

"I don't know what they'll gain by a strike," he added.

Brundage declined to discuss the matter further, stating it was "too complicated."

The Mayor, it was understood, has been asked by the retail butchers to go to Washington to "untangle the situation."

Tax Freeze Bill Goes to FDR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Senate today passed the bill to freeze social security taxes by a rollcall vote of 47 to 19.

The bill now goes to the President since it was previously passed by the House. Congressional leaders are expecting the President to veto the measure.

If it becomes law, Congress will have succeeded for the fourth successive time in blocking an increase in social security taxes, as contemplated in the original social security law.

Treasury officials, supported by social security board officials and labor leaders, have urged repeatedly that the 2 percent rate be allowed to go through to provide much-needed revenue and build up the old age insurance reserve against lean postwar years.

If President Roosevelt withholds action for the 10 days which he is allowed, Congress would have little time to act on a veto if it goes through with plans to adjourn before Christmas.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-NY) argued that the "continuous freeze may impair the soundness of our contributory system of social security." The "constant tempering" with the fund by Congress, he said, "confuses employers and workers" and weakens faith in the insurance system.

John Roman Speaks On Balkans Sunday

The Allerton Educational Center will inaugurate the first of a series of lectures and forums this Sunday evening at its headquarters, 2700 Olinville Ave., when John Roman will speak on the Balkan situation. Admission is 25 cents.

4 New Bridgeheads Thrown Across Saar

PARIS, Dec. 8 (UP).—U. S. Third Army doughboys, supported by giant howitzers, established four new bridgeheads across the Saar River in the Sarreguemines sector today, loosening the left flank of the German armies falling back across the battle-scarred industrial Saar Basin. Veterans of Maj. Gen. Paul W. Baade's 35th (Santa Fe) Division, opening the second month of the Third Army's winter offensive,

went over the Saar along a railroad bridge in Sarreguemines, and swept across in assault boats at three other points along a front stretching five miles southeast.

The new drive netted the Yanks average advances of half a mile against strong Nazi resistance but it opened the way for a possible envelopment move up the east bank of the Saar against flaming Saarbrücken, capital of the coal and iron rich Saar basin.

At the northern end of the Third Army's 28-mile front, where they have three other bridgeheads across the Saar in the Saarlautern area,

the Americans held fierce German tank and infantry counter-attacks for five hours in a furious battle a mile inside the west wall and eight miles beyond the German frontier.

LOCAL GAINS

The U. S. First and Ninth armies, fighting at the northern end of the 250-mile western front stretching from the Rhine Valley to the Cologne plain, hammered out local gains in their drive to extend the American grip on the west bank of the Roer River.

The U. S. 7th Army, at the south-

ern end of the front, advanced three miles eastward below the road junction of Bitch, in the north-eastern tip of France, and sent a spearhead northward along the Rhine to the town of Gamsheim, nine miles above Strasbourg in a drive that chopped off a German-held bridge across the Rhine.

Far behind the Third Army's offensive wall, troops of the 11th Regiment of the Fifth Division toppled historic Fort Driant southwest of Metz where some two months ago the Americans failed to take the fort by storm. A total of 670 German officers and men were captured, and the only fort in the great Metz belt still in enemy hands now is Jean D'Arc on the west bank of the Moselle north of Driant.

Soviets Seize 70 Towns In Offensives in Hungary

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—Soviet troops smashed to within nine miles of the communications center of Szekesfehervar, keystone of enemy defenses southwest of Budapest today, while Berlin reported that Soviet

forces had reached the area of Vac, Danube River fortress 16 miles north of Budapest.

Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's 3d Ukrainian Army captured more than 40 towns and settlements in advances of up to six miles in a dash toward Szekesfehervar, 32 miles southwest of Budapest, and simultaneously up the west bank of the Danube River toward the southern approaches of the capital.

The southern wing of Tolbukhin's army, pressing toward Austria be-

tween the southwestern tip of Lake Balaton and the Drava River, captured more than 30 towns and villages and hammered closer to the bastion of Nagykanizsa.

In their advance on Szekesfehervar, Tolbukhin's northern wing captured Csom, nine miles south; Aha, 11 miles southeast; Soponya, 11 miles south, and Kaloz, 15 miles southeast.

Meanwhile, Moscow remained silent on German reports of violent battles northeast and east of Budapest.

The Moscow radio, quoting Stockholm reports, said the Nazis had begun the evacuation of Austria. Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, Moscow said, had ordered the transfer of Nazi Party offices from Vienna to Karlsbad, Czechoslovakia.

Other reports said the Nazis had forced 300,000 prisoners and foreign workers into building fortifications around Vienna.

More than 1,400 enemy troops were killed and another 1,000 captured by Tolbukhin's forces below Lake Balaton yesterday. Thousands more were believed slain or taken prisoner to the north.

7 U. S. Divisions Close on Enemy In Leyte Pocket

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 8 (UP).—Seven American divisions, one of them lashing out from a new west coast beachhead only three miles from Ormoc, stormed the Japanese pocket in northwest Leyte from all sides today and complete liberation of the central Philippines island appeared to be in sight.

"We will end it and we don't intend to take too long about it, either," Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the Sixth Army, told newsmen as the final offensive to crush the last 40,000 to 50,000 Japanese on Leyte got under way.

The 77th Division—of Guam fame—already had split the Japanese pocket with a daring amphibious landing just south of Ormoc, the enemy's main supply and reinforcement gateway. The troops went ashore from a 100-ship invasion armada under cover of a hurricane air and sea bombardment yesterday—Pearl Harbor day.

MARYLAND CIO ASSAILS CHURCHILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A resolution urging Prime Minister Churchill to "renounce a course of action disheartening to millions" was adopted by 200 delegates, representing 54,000 Maryland and District of Columbia CIO members, at Hotel Willard here tonight.

A delegation from the CIO state convention will present the resolution tomorrow to the State Department and to the British Embassy.

Labor Backs Greek Patriots, Says Addes

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—As support for this government's stand on behalf of democracy in Greece grew on Capitol Hill and in labor circles, George Addes, secretary-treasurer and acting president of the United Auto Workers, said today that labor has a "direct stake" in protecting the people of Europe against British intervention.

Addes pointed out that the Greek resistance movement "is not very different from the great mobilization of American voters which recently returned President Roosevelt to office."

Unimpressed by the red bogey raised in the Greek situation, Addes said that "the same accusation of Communist intentions" was hurled at President Roosevelt and the labor movement in the recent campaign.

"Our American trade unionists have a direct stake in this issue," he declared. "One of the primary objectives of the coming world labor conference which our president, R. J. Thomas and other CIO leaders are now planning in London is to attain self-determination for the people of Europe."

"American workers support the statement of Secretary of State Stettinius that liberated nations must work out their own destinies," Addes said.

Addes expressed confidence that British trade unionists "do not sup-

port" the action of a British general in helping to suppress "the democratic and representative Greek resistance movement for the purpose of keeping a king in power."

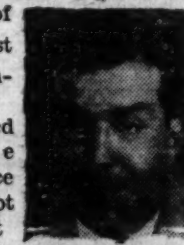
There are indications on Capitol Hill of substantial support for the repeated declarations by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius that the Greek people should be permitted to choose their own government.

Acting Senate Majority Leader Lister Hill of Alabama yesterday told the Senate he was in full accord with Stettinius.

"I am sure that the American people strongly feel that the people of Greece have the right to choose their own forms of government without interference or dictation from any other government," he declared.

"Any such interference or dictation would be contrary to and in violation of one of the fundamental rights for which we are carrying on this war."

Rep. Emanuel Celler, (D-NY), said in the House today that the Stettinius statements on Greece were "as refreshing as a summer breeze." He denounced the machine gunning and strafing of the Greek as a "horrible spectacle" and charged that the British policy in Greece was a "violation" of the Atlantic Charter.



George F. Addes

Churchill Wins Half-Hearted Vote

Should Have Consulted U.S.: Halifax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (UP).—The British and American governments today apparently decided that their policy rift on matters involving liberated territories should teach



the Allies henceforth to consult among themselves before acting independently on issues affecting all of them. That was the substance of a press conference statement by British Ambassador Lord Halifax after conferring with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., on the Anglo-American controversy over policy toward reborn European governments, particularly in Italy and strife-torn Greece.

"It is a well-established fact," Halifax said, "that we did not notify the United States in advance (of Britain's intention to veto Count Carlo Sforza as a member of the new Italian Cabinet), and we weren't informed about their statement (Tuesday's statement by Stettinius emphasizing that the United States expects Italy and liberated United Nations to solve their internal political problems without outside interference)."

Reporting a "substantial understanding" between the two governments, Halifax said:

"It will be the purpose of both governments now to strengthen that understanding and the system of Allied consultation on all points. . . . So far as there was any lack of consultation on either side, the moral is that there should be a (future) desire for direct consultation on both sides."

But there was no public evidence that either the United States or Britain had backed down from its stand on the question of interference with the formation of governments in liberated territories.

Embassy Denies Franco Resigned

A rumor attributed to the Paris newspaper, Liberation, that Spanish dictator Franco's cabinet had resigned, was denied yesterday by the Spanish Embassy in Paris.



Belgian patriots in a recent demonstration against the Pierlot regime call "For the Energetic Prosecution of the War" (center placard). The large sign says in English and French "We Will Fight With the Englishmen and Not Against Them. We Just (Want) the Departure of Pierlot, the Traitors' Protector." "Away With Pierlot" reads the sign at the left, and "For the Punishment of the Traitors."

A Trip Behind the ELAS Battle Lines in Athens

By JAMES ROPER

INSIDE ELAS-CONTROLLED ATHENS, Dec. 8 (UP).—With American flag armbands as safeconduct passes, three other correspondents and I yesterday walked through the fighting lines several miles into the ELAS-controlled part of Athens.

Here humble folk, recognizing our flag, swarmed into the streets chanting "Roosevelt, Roosevelt!" with the rhythm of a football yell. They would grin and wave and shout and yell and then somebody would let loose with a couple of rifle shots, and we'd go on to the next block.

After shaking off a British Tommy who warned us against going any farther, we were picked up by a helpful ELAS soldier who escorted us many blocks before passing us on to another. And so it went for three zig-zagging hours.

The well-armed ELAS troops undoubtedly will be very difficult to rout from their positions.

I saw air-raid trenches prepared for use as firing pits. At street intersections, ELAS troops manned German-built pillboxes, and we never approached them until our escort at that particular time walked ahead, waving a white flag and shouting: "Americans."

WELL ARMED

Inside the ELAS lines, the troops of the military arm of the EAM carried a variety of well-oiled rifles, bandoliers, ammunition and many German potato-masher hand grenades. Small arms fire sounded almost continuously except when we were deep into ELAS positions.

A Greek civilian doctor with a Red Cross badge and medical kit sat at a street intersection awaiting casualties. I saw none.

None of the people looked truly hungry although some were extremely tired and nervous. Scores of times as I walked through the rocky streets, purposely being as conspicuous as possible in order to discourage snipers, the shutters of house windows would fly open and a tired, frantic face suddenly would appear. Then all the wrinkles would turn upward in a heartwarming smile when we were identified as Americans.

Cannery Union Changes Name

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The fifth national convention of the United Cannery, Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers changed the union's name to the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers, reelected by acclamation Donald Henderson as president and Harold Lane as secretary-treasurer and prepared to adjourn at a night session after hearing Alan Haywood, CIO vice-president.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill had a bitter time of it in the House of Commons yesterday, which voted by 281-32 to continue the Labor-Liberal-Tory coalition against Germany, but vigorously criticized the government's policies in Greece, Belgium and Italy.

The votes were 279-30, which should be compared with the 425-23 vote on a confidence motion last spring.

Half the MPs rebuked the prime minister by not voting at all, while the rest refused to gamble with the war as a whole.

Thomas Driberg, a Labor independent, called the demand for a confidence vote "an unworthy piece of blackmail" because the Prime Minister knew the Commons would not force the government out.

Churchill insisted upon this thesis that the Greek EAM and its partisans, the ELAS, were trying to overthrow the Papandreou government, and said:

"If I am to blame for this action, I will gladly accept dismissal from the House, but if I am not dismissed, make no mistake about it, we shall persist in this policy of clearing Athens and the Athens region of all those who are rebels to the constitutional authority of Greece."

Seymour Cocks, the Labor MP, who originally moved the motion to "regret" the government's action, defended the Greek EAM as a strongly left wing and Republican coalition which "had a firm Communist core, like the United Nations themselves."

ANOTHER BUNKER HILL

Cocks declared sarcastically that the British troops would surely win against the Greek partisans just as they won at Bunker Hill—referring to the American War of Independence.

"They won the battle of Bunker Hill and lost America. In the long scroll of history, the battle of Athens is in the same category as Bunker Hill. We may lose the friendship of the Greek people in order to gain favor with a Hohenzollern prince"—a reference to the Greek King George's German ancestry.

Arthur Greenwood, Labor minister took part in the debate, declaring that the rift in the United Nations was a victory for the Nazis.

At one point, Churchill had such hard going that he turned savagely on the Scottish Communist leader, William Gallacher, and said: "You are treated with extraordinary tolerance and great consideration in this House and you should learn to keep your mouth shut, at any rate for a few moments."

Churchill's attitude on Greek democracy was in the same vein.

He charged that the EAM represented "mob law with bands of

gangs armed with deadly weapons, forcing their way into great cities, seizing police stations and key points of government, endeavoring to introduce a totalitarian regime and clamoring to shoot every one who is politically inconvenient, as part of a purge of those who are said to have collaborated with the Germans."

This characterization was repeated in various forms, throughout the address. And the prime minister, cognizant of the State Department's disavowal, declared:

"We are marching along our onerous and painful path—perhaps I ought to say poor old Britain. We have to assume the burden and the most thankless tasks, scoffed at, abused and criticized from every quarter."

EDEN CLOSES DEBATE

His 80-minute speech was upheld also by foreign secretary, Anthony Eden, who closed the debate by declaring:

"As soon as arms are laid down and peace is restored, then it is our hope that at the earliest possible moment a free election may be held. The British government are ready to play their part . . . and we invite our Allies to do all they can to ensure that those elections are freely held. . . ."

Churchill defined the "foundation of democracy" by saying: "My idea of it is that of a plain, humble, common man—just an ordinary man who keeps a wife and family and goes off to fight for his country when it is in trouble and goes to the poll at the appropriate time to put his cross on a ballot paper showing the candidate he wishes elected to Parliament."

On Italy, he again denounced Count Carlo Sforza as an "intriguer" who broke a pledge to support the Marshal Badoglio government.

"All we can say is that we do not trust the man, nor would we put the slightest confidence in any government in which he is a dominant member."

British Troops 3 Miles From Faenza

ROME, Dec. 8 (UP).—British and Polish troops of the Eighth Army, pushing ahead in driving rain and low-hanging clouds, advanced to within three miles of Faenza with the capture of three villages and a hill feature lying just to the southwest of the Rimini-Bologna highway. Allied headquarters announced today.

ELAS Partisan Here Spikes Churchill Tales

By MAXINE LEVI

"If there is fighting in Athens, it is not our fault, or our desire," a young Greek seaman told the Daily Worker yesterday.

He had fought with the National Liberation Front (EAM). He had spent long hours high on mountain ledges waiting for Nazi convoys to pass and be demolished. He had gone to the Middle East, fought in the great battle of El Alamein where Greek troops won the special praise of Gen. Harold Alexander.

And now, on reaching New York, he heard the terrible news: British guns, British dive-bombers were turned against the patriots of Athens.

"When Greece decided to resist the Italian invasion in October, 1940, and Germany in April, 1941, it was not against Italians or Germans that we fought, but against fascist tyranny," he said.

"Today someone is trying to impose tyranny on Greece. But the freedom-loving Greeks, as every freedom-loving people will not bow down to tyranny."

"WE PROTEST"

He looked at a copy of Prime Minister Churchill's speech lying on the desk. "They slander us as 'anarchists'

and 'mutineers,'" he exclaimed. "But we protest, this is a lie."

As proof of this statement, he recalled the long story of the EAM's attempt to forge national unity against the invader:

"In the conference at Lebanon, in May, 1944, when for the benefit of national unity we agreed to meet with the few Greeks who spent their time in enjoyments in big hotels in Cairo instead of staying to fight, as we had done, Premier Papandreou received us with a torrent of insults and accusations.

"But for the welfare of the Greek nation and with the hope that later the Cairo exiles would correct their attitude, we stayed.

"It is nothing new to say that none of the Lebanon agreements has been respected by the exile authorities," he commented wryly.

COLLABORATIONIST BASE

"And when the Greek government arrived in Greece, 100 percent safely after we had freed three-fifths of Greek soil, they started immediately to base themselves upon the ex-quislings and collaborationists, arming them and demanding that we who had fought the Nazis turn in our arms.

"It was very clear that soon they would try to impose a dictatorial monarchy without consulting and considering the people's wishes.

"And so," he added simply, "with full justification we went, in a peaceful, unarmed demonstration, to protest. "But they"—the word "they" was spoken with a bitter intonation—"replied by shooting and killing.

"Unfortunately, England, against the agreements of Teheran, and even against its solemn treaty with the Soviet Union, promised to back by force this government disliked by the people, pretending that it is 'constitutional' and represents the majority of the people.

"But how is that possible," he demanded, "if in a few hours all Athens was on strike?"

"We have been fighting too long and the sacrifices have been too great to be denied freedom, and" he said slowly emphatically, "we intend to have it.

"It is impossible to intimidate us. As we did at the beginning of the war, we will fight tyranny no matter what its source nor how powerful it may be.

"We hope that all freedom-loving people will back us, and help us, so that those who died for freedom on the streets of Athens, in the mountains and villages of all our land, shall not have died in vain."

NAM Sounds Off for the Old Hoover Gang

By GEORGE MORRIS

The six-point resolution adopted Thursday at the conference of the National Association of Manufacturers is a reactionary platform for continuance of war upon the Roosevelt administration and its program for 60,000,000 postwar jobs.

To call this "War and Reconversion Congress," as the NAM named its conference, an expression of American industry, is plain deceit. If an organization like the American Federation of Labor could hold a convention and flagrantly ignore the sentiments of its members, surely there is no reason to regard the small controlling group of imperialist-minded big business people in the NAM as the spokesmen of America's 2,000,000 small and large enterprisers.

The outlook of a Henry Kaiser, who sees the possibility of expanded and profitable private industry along the path of higher standards, national unity, international collaboration and full employment, was not reflected in the Waldorf-Astoria NAM show.

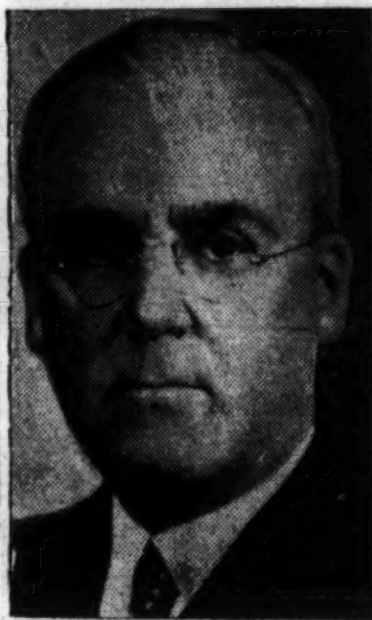
It need hardly be added that the tears for small business shed by the NAM speakers are just crocodile tears from the very people who have devoured thousands of enterprises in the "free" old game of "free exchange" and "individual freedom," as the NAM likes to call it.

The resolution is a cry for return to the days when industrial cannibalism was "free" to eliminate the weak and starve the jobless.

DEMAGOGY

All this is presented by the NAM in nicely trimmed demagoguery—in the name "free enterprise," emancipation from "totalitarianism" and "bureaucracy."

The danger of this latest NAM line is precisely in its clever dema-



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gogy, a further development of the sugar-coated poison that Thomas E. Dewey handed out until Nov. 7.

The central and opening point of the resolution demands that "freedom must be restored." And from there on the phony issue of "free enterprise" is developed. But the only thing that is offered is a state of economy which would ruin hundreds of thousands of private businesses and undermine markets.

The big threat is "government interference," says the NAM, ignoring that it is this very "interference" since 1933 that has given capitalist enterprise a new lease of life.

"Any interference with economic productivity, except to protect the public health and safety, whether by government, labor or business, is reactionary," says the "liberal" NAM. Thus, the NAM would eliminate all regulation machinery which had to be established to pull the country

out of the Hoover crisis and prevent its recurrence.

"No government can so well decide as the people themselves what and when to buy and sell, how much and at what price," says the resolution.

THE ALPHABET BOGEY

After setting forth its theory of "economic freedom" and resentment against government interest in economy even in a mild advisory manner, the NAM cries about loss of "political freedom," and draws a picture of the "power beauracy" has come to wield in this country, through "decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations and interpretations, which are dictated by bureaus, boards, commissions and all the new sprawling alphabetical agencies of government."

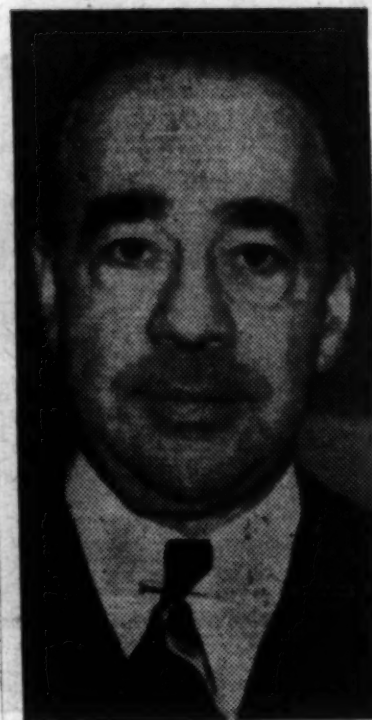
Wouldn't it be sweet if an employer could engage "freely" in cut-throat competition, speculate as he pleases, cut wages, defy unions, fire and hire as "freely" as he pleased, without being bothered by deductions for unemployment insurance or social security?

All these regulations are a "trend to totalitarianism," says the NAM. But the worst is yet to come. The understanding by government to promote international trade and enter into international monetary agreements such as were arrived at at Bretton Woods, to make expanded trade possible, that, horror of all horrors, is a "government cartel."

"CARTEL" SMOKE SCREEN

That is the kind of "cartel" that the NAM is alarmed about, not the real cartels, not its own monopolies, nor Nazi-dominated German cartels now getting fresh cover-ups in neutral countries.

Newspaper headlines of an alleged war by the NAM upon cartels are nothing but deceit. The NAM would eliminate the very government regulations that would safeguard econ-



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omy from cartels and other unfair business practices.

In denouncing the Bretton Woods decisions, the NAM resolution complains that trade agreement "creates an international restriction on competition."

The resolution is specific in demanding an end to all regulation of Wall St., declaring that "our banking and credit structure should be restored to private managements." "Freedom" would shine more brightly if we had stock market panics and wholesale bank closing, asserts the NAM.

The NAM program can be best understood in relation to the program that the government is already working upon. The Roosevelt program holds that if America is to provide full employment and, there-

fore, profit opportunities, it must expand production to the 60 million jobs level. That is to be achieved in two ways:

1—Expansion of the internal market by expansion of the purchasing power of the mass of people.

2—Expansion of foreign trade to far greater levels than in the past. This can only be made possible through agreements on an international scale assuring a durable peace and trade security, such as have been reached at Teheran, Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks.

The NAM challenges that entire perspective. Its president, Robert Gaylord, challenged the possibility of a \$200 billion annual income under which 60 million would have jobs. He drew this conclusion by citing the 1929 income of only \$83 billion when 48 million people worked an average of 48 hours a week.

IGNORE PRODUCTIVITY

Gaylord overlooks the immense productivity increase, expansion of industries and modernization of equipment since 1929. The controlling group in the NAM has no confidence that America could do the job that Roosevelt placed before it.

They want a future of a dog-eat-dog economy, with the great mass of people ground down to lowest standards in the process. They want the old international trade wars which lead to military conflicts. And the inevitable companion to this policy, as other speakers before the NAM conference labor-management panel stated, is war upon unions. They put it in a refined manner, as a task of "winning over" the workers. But this was the very approach for the "Golden Rule" anti-union campaign in the postwar twenties, too.

The freedom the NAM is dreaming of is the "freedom" of the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover days.

Regional OPA Determined to Put Price Violators Out of Business

The Regional Office of Price Administration announced yesterday that it is compiling a blacklist of price regulation violators in preparation of its new enforcement policy to put repeated offenders out of business.

Health Parley Asks U. S. Plan

Mayor LaGuardia's Health Insurance Plan for Greater New York was highlighted yesterday as representatives of CIO and AFL unions, and health, welfare and medical groups met in the Second Wartime Conference on Labor Health Security at the Hotel McAlpin. The conference was sponsored by the American Labor Party and a score of city unions.

Speaking for the City CIO Health and Welfare Committee, Bernard Segal, chairman of the committee and executive secretary of the Social Service Employees Union, described CIO participation in supporting the plan and promised a continued educational campaign as well as recruitment of subscribers from the unions.

Winslow Carlton, secretary of the plan's board of directors, told the delegates that health security is a "community problem and can be secured only with united community support." His statement was underscored by Helen G. Hutton of the Ft. Greene Health Center, who said that the plan will enable New Yorkers to try out a health experiment which will undoubtedly have bearing on a national health program.

The conference went on record for a full and integrated national health insurance program—to include medical, dental, nursing, surgical, eye, foot and other health care.

Daniel P. Woolley, regional head, said yesterday that with the increase in black market food cases in the War Emergency Court he was determined to go into state and federal courts for permission to close the stores of habitual violators.

The list runs into thousands of names.

The price agency has found, as consumer and labor organizations have repeatedly pointed out, that small fines have never frightened offenders, who just peel off a fine from a large bankroll and chalk it up to expenses.

In the past three weeks that the War Emergency Court has been hearing food price violation cases, which previously were heard in various magistrate courts, the daily lead has increased considerably.

On Thursday the court heard 210 cases, the greatest number ever heard in the city in one day. The Emergency Price Control Act, which automatically licenses wholesale and retail dealers, also calls for revocation under certain conditions of such license, which would force a dealer to close his doors.

LICENSE REVOCATION

License revocation cases may be started by OPA in federal courts against dealers doing a yearly business of \$100,000 or more, and in the state supreme court against operators whose business is \$100,000 or less.

Such suits, said Woolley, would only be brought against a "non-complying minority of selfish retailers who are making it very difficult for the many honest dealers and all consumers."

Meanwhile a step to enforce rationing rules was suggested yesterday by the New York area Consumer

Advisory Committee to the regional office which called for the marking of sides of beef in such a way that every cut of beef carries its rightful grade label. At present retailers are doing a handsome business in collecting red ration points for utility beef, which according to OPA law does not require ration stamps.

New Romanian Premier Named

Gen. Constantin Sanatescu, King Michael's right hand man, was replaced as premier by Gen. Nicolai Padescu in a reshuffle of the Romanian cabinet this week.

The new cabinet lineup, according to Associated Press, includes four members from the Peasant Party, four from the Liberal Party and six from the National Democratic Front.

An Editorial

The Trial Must Go On

AFTER eight months of a trial that was often reduced to a farce, a mistrial has now been called in the case of the 26 anti-Semites and pro-fascists indicted on a charge of engaging in a Nazi conspiracy. The errors, hesitations, weaknesses in the Justice Department's handling of the case, in which the defendants were permitted to take the offensive and to obstruct, require a detailed review.

Right now, however, the important thing is that the case must go on. Dropping it would mean encouragement of the alleged conspirators and their associates throughout the nation not only to continue but to redouble their fascist activities.

It is high time the Justice Department and the press review their attitude toward these 26 people under indictment for sedition. By now we should have learned from Europe's experience how the Nazis work to divide and disrupt internally the nations they seek to conquer.

If they haven't succeeded in conquering us, who can doubt that their confreres here did succeed in creating considerable disruption through their pernicious race hatred agitation; disruption which affected our war production and national unity.

It is fantastic to think that there should be any question about prosecuting them further. Yet such a question seems to have arisen.

Every American and every American organization should wire Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle at once, insisting that a new trial be opened without delay, and that the Department of Justice inform the people fully of the case against these defendants.

News Capsules

Christmas Rush

American civilians are spending about 3½ billion dollars for Christmas gifts, piling up the greatest volume of retail sales in history, a retail credit organization estimated yesterday.

Lingerie, furs and expensive jewelry are in great demand. There were not nearly enough pianos to meet the demand.

Except for the Rocky Mountain area, all sections reported sufficient toy stocks.

The Broad Street Hospital in Philadelphia reported yesterday the birth of a twin girl 57 hours after the delivery of her brother. The mother is Mrs. Marie Scafidi.

All American Aviation, Inc., told a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing yesterday that they planned a "pick-up passenger" air service linking such points as Boston,

Springfield, Mass., Bangor, Me., Pittsfield, Albany, N. Y., and New York City.

The routes would serve 219 communities in the New York-New England area not now being served by air, it was stated.

Mischa Auer, film comedian, was dropped from vice presidency of the Russian-American Club of Los Angeles for "inflammatory" remarks reflecting on both America and Russia and not for his support of Dewey, the club said yesterday.

In a radio speech Nov. 4, Auer said:

"Unless you act now, while you can, with your ballots, you will find yourself in a position to have to do it with bullets."

Secondly, the club said, "every word of Auer's speech was calculated to undermine United Nations unity."

The OPA announced yesterday that spinach will cost consumers a half-cent a pound more.

N. Y. Slavs' Unity Festival Today

The American Slav Congress of Greater New York will hold a Unity Festival today (Saturday) at 7 p.m. at the Bohemian National Hall, 321 E. 73 St.

Leo Krzycki, national president of the American Slav Congress, and Zlatko Balokovic, president of the American Slav Congress of Greater New York, will speak. Steve Krall will be master of ceremonies.

Sub Commissioned

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 8 (U.S.)—The U. S. Submarine Toro was commissioned at Portsmouth Navy Yard today with ceremonies which included the presentation of awards to 15 Navy men for conspicuous action in the Pacific area.

Unity Speeds World Labor Agenda

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A three-day conference of British, American and Soviet labor delegates has completed the tentative agenda for the World Trades Union Conference which will open here Feb. 6, Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trades Union Congress told a press conference yesterday. The committee expects 150 delegates, representing 40 national trade union organizations in some 30 countries, to attend the conference. Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland and the exiled Spanish trade union organizations in Mexico and Great Britain will be included. Delegates from neutral countries will be observers during the part of the conference dealing with furtherance of the Allies' war effort and labor's approach to the peace, but can participate in deliberations on the three other subjects on the tentative agenda: the basis for a world trade union federation; immediate trade union demands for the postwar pe-

riod and problems of postwar reconstruction.

LAUD UNANIMITY

Both American and Soviet representatives, who participated in preliminary planning, commented on the speed and unanimity with which decisions were made.

"It is remarkable how these representatives of three United Nations think alike on the problems of the moment," commented Sidney Hillman, CIO delegate. He said he had expected the planning to take 10 days. Now that it had taken but three, he might make a trip to France.

Leutignei Sidorenko, secretary of the Soviet Trade Union's Central Council, said the statement of the committee's accomplishments "shows how unanimous we were."

Prime Minister Churchill will address the conference. Delegates from the U. S., Britain and the Soviet Union will present the opening discussion of the war effort. CIO President Philip Murray will open the discussion of the world trade union federation, while Sir Walter will introduce the three other subjects. The conference is expected to sit for 15 days.

List Gifts Asked In RWR Yule Drive

Russian War Relief yesterday asked the American public to donate other appropriate gift items to the agency's Christmas campaign for Russian children instead of children's new clothing.

Carter said that the agency would welcome out-grown or slightly worn children's clothing delivered in perfect condition. He also listed condensed or evaporated milk, in lots of a dozen; tinned baby foods, in dozen lots; hard candies in two pound packages; breakfast cocoa in half-dozen lots; six bars of baking chocolate; six packages of raisins; and six cans of baby talcum powder.

'Runaway' Ship Must Pay U. S. Union Wages

Runaway ships like runaway shops must pay American union wages, as a result of a victory by the Foreign Flag Department of the National Maritime Union.

The National War Labor Board, in a historic decision, has ruled that 10 ships of the American-owned Standard Fruit & Steamship Co., flying Honduran and Panamanian flags, must pay American seamen's wages.

This means a wage increase of nearly 20 percent.

Four hundred Standard employees are directly affected. Eight thousand more seamen sailing on other American-owned foreign flag ships must soon get similar wage increases.

"The War Labor Board's decision, stabilizing wages on American owned ships, will have a wonderful effect on the seamen's morale," said Thomas Christensen, Foreign Flag Department director.

"The Latin American, Scandinavian, Chinese, Dutch, Yugoslav, Negro and other seamen on these ships have risked their lives delivering the goods. Many have given their lives in the war. They are winning their rights in winning this decision."

Able seamen will be paid \$100 a month under the decision. They were getting \$82.50.

200 City CIO Cars to Aid ACA

Unions affiliated to the City CIO will provide 200 cars to help the CIO American Communications Association win its National Labor Relations Board election at Western Union Jan. 8.

Delegates to the CIO Council Thursday night at Fraternal Clubhouse voted to do everything in their power to insure an ACA victory in the poll. All locals will be urged to give financial support if possible.

The Council also voted to participate along with other organizations in the Madison Square Garden meeting Jan. 2 which will unite friends of Republican Spain. The rally is sponsored by Nation Associates.

Yale President for Military Training

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 8.—Charles Seymour, president of Yale University, in his annual report to alumni put himself on record for a "system of required military training for all able-bodied young men" as suggested by General Marshall.

"At all costs the nation must possess the power to protect our freedom, without which there can be no liberal education," Seymour said.

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Churchill's Hollow Victory

SO WINSTON CHURCHILL has won his vote of confidence! What comfort and confidence he can derive from it, we leave to him. The fact is that half the House of Commons rebuked him eloquently with its silence. And the rest refused to jeopardize the larger interests of the war which the British premier so lightly gambled.

By making the question one of confidence in the war as a whole, Churchill disclosed how shaky he felt himself on the specific issue of Italy and Greece. And the House of Commons, with few exceptions, revealed itself more responsible than Churchill.

It is a hollow victory, just as all the victories in Athens will be hollow, just as Mr. Churchill's thesis is hollow from beginning to end.

Last Tuesday, the premier charged the EAM in Greece with plotting a "Communist dictatorship." As we pointed out the next day, this unwarranted charge was fraught with deepest danger. For whoever confuses the democratic character of the Resistance movements, now trying to stabilize themselves in Europe, ultimately becomes the enemy of democracy itself.

Irresponsible Epithets

And sure enough, Churchill's dissertation on the nature of democracy reveals yawning confusions. He refers to patriots whom England called to arms as "gangsters from the mountains" . . . "trying to force their way into great cities . . . and clamoring to shoot everyone . . . who are said to have collaborated with the Germans during the occupation."

But were our farmers at Lexington and Concord also "gangsters," and should Benedict Arnold have been accorded a high place in Washington's cabinet?

Are those French FFI, whom Churchill recently praised, also "gangsters"? Is Mikhailovitch to be granted a pension by Tito's Yugoslavia? If Britain had suffered invasion in 1940, and if English citizens had followed their premier's advice to fight from every beach—would they have been gangsters too?

No, this will not do. There is no use promising "free and fair elections" after crushing a people who liberated themselves and installing those who collaborated with the German occupation. That would be "swindle democracy," and Europe wants none of it.

"Democracy is not a harlot to be picked up on the streets by a man with a tommy-gun," says Churchill. But the Greeks reply: "Our democracy is not a maiden to be outraged in our streets by any British Tommy with a lend-lease gun."

Finished With False Leaders

Europe wants to be finished with her Papandreous, and her Pierlots—it is no accident that such Social Democrats and false liberals are now the instruments of a stubborn and isolated course of fearful British torities.

These were the men who bore the heavy responsibility for Hitler's victory in the first place. It is unthinkable that they should now snatch victory from the jaws of Hitler's defeat. And let America observe that it is the New Leader, the voice of the so-called Liberal Party leadership in New York, which loudly and brazenly opposes our government's course and which openly supports the mistaken policies of Britain.

The only way forward lies in the policy of non-interference with the affairs of liberated Europe, as enunciated by Mr. Stettinius this week. That, and the readiness of American democracy to help Great Britain's economic revival—provided the British give up their policy of clinging to those reactionary outposts only recently vacated by Germany.

The British labor movement, we know, is in a difficult position, as is British capitalism. We oppose those American forces who want to wipe out the British position, yes, or destroy the empire. But we cannot give that necessary assistance to Britain on the basis of a course that is not in Europe's interest, not in the interests of the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition, nor the British people's interest, either.

Fighting Germany and Japan, arm in arm with a liberated Europe, its democracy consolidated and upheld—that is our common task. That's what the House of Commons understood yesterday despite all provocation. That's why Britain must withdraw from Greece immediately and bring the bloodshed she has provoked to an end. And that is what every American trade union, every people's organization must demand.

THROUGH THE BREACH



Between the Lines

Greece, America, Britain

by Joseph Starobin

... and where art thou,
My country? On thy voiceless
shore

The heroic lay is tuneless now—
The heroic bosom beats no more
And must thy lyre, so long divine,
Degenerate into hands like mine?
'Tis something, in the dearth of fame
Though link'd among a fetter'd
race,

To feel at least a patriot's shame,
Even as I sing, suffuse my face;
For what is left the poet here?
For Greeks a blush—for Greece
a tear.

—from Lord Byron's The Isles
of Greece.

NOTHING ever comes simple in our time. That is, if you wish, in the very Nature of things. Yet out of the complexity, we must seize the main thread that leads forward. The thread today is in the resistance of the Greek people, who are defending their sovereignty and the hope of a new Europe.

Such a conflict might have been expected to wait until Hitler's defeat. The fact is that it didn't complicate matters, but it only proves that a new Europe is bound to arise. It will not be denied. And if it is provoked, it will fight back.

Imagine the contrasts: the people who suffered at Distomo, are ready to risk their lives again; but the exile King George sits in London, with Churchill at his elbow, and refuses to permit an aged Liberal leader to form a new government and avert civil war. The miserable Papandreou must stay—he is still useful to us, says King George.

Another contrast: the brave Gen. Scobie—or Scobie, as he should be known—has been unable to take the island of Crete where the Germans run roughshod over thousands of Greeks. But his paratroopers alight on the Acropolis and murder the brothers of the Cretans.

So they take the EAM headquarters, but what has happened to the government's headquarters? It is in patriot hands. Papandreou, his police chief, his foreign ministry must take refuge in a hotel—appropriately named, the Great Britain Hotel!

Greece becomes the symbol of a new Europe that will not be denied

the fruits of Germany's defeat and the fruits of the Teheran agreement. That is the core of it.

Greece will suffer, will smolder, but fight back; Europe will take courage. Nothing like this will be able to happen elsewhere. Yes, the Germans have gained the equivalent of a half year's time and a thousand V-2 bombs. Not only will they lose in Greece, but because of Greece, they will lose in Germany.

Only a New Europe Is Possible

And "Backward America"—we ought to be proud of it. Mr. Stettinius towers over all these screeching defamers—the Social Democrats, the sophomores on PM who talk so big about the peepul, but who spend their time fighting an assistant secretary when they should be rousing support for the secretary himself.

Yes, this is symptomatic of our time, also. A big business-man, in all the confidence of a flourishing capitalism, understands that only a new Europe is possible, and that only with such a Europe can America and Russia work in harmony.

Oh, the incredible dialectic whereby on Dec. 1, 1939, the State Department almost brings our country to disaster over little Finland and on Dec. 5, 1944, proposes to save our country's future and support little Greece!

The Crisis Is In London

And now for Byron's England, to whom his poem was addressed. The true crisis lies not in Greece but in Britain. Exactly a year ago, when the fascist Sir Oswald Mosley was released from jail, the British people faced one of the gravest crises of their modern history. The failure to oust a "Papandreou"—Herbert Morrison—was

a great defeat for British democracy.

In this crisis, the British people will either force their government to back down—without overthrowing it—or else the Labor Party will most certainly lose the next general election.

In fact, unless the Labor movement insists that the Labor leaders force Churchill to back down, the Labor Party does not deserve to win a general election.

And the British people will pay in the weakening of their own democracy at least the same cost that is being extracted from Greece. That is the lesson of Weimar in Germany.

Withdrawal Only Course

The crisis over Greece and Italy has laid bare some of our most fundamental problems. The consolidation of a stable, popular democracy in Europe is impossible unless the people who fought the enemy become the backbone of their respective governments.

Britain—impoverished as a capitalist power—clings to reaction in Europe, in the long run democracy ens the coalition itself. And by refusing to accept democracy for Europe, in the long run democracy will be threatened in Great Britain.

Our own country, through the deep understanding of what Teheran really means by our President and Stettinius has upheld a basic principle, without which there can be no progress in Europe. That principle has so far been upheld, which is tremendous. But now it must be applied by a combined pressure of democratic forces on both sides of the ocean, the British government must be persuaded to withdraw.

Greece can never be conquered. Britain is with each day of this stupidity only amplifying the extent of her ultimate humiliation.

Worth Repeating

JACQUES DUCLOS, leader of the French Communist Party until return of Maurice Thorez is interviewed in the LONDON DAILY WORKER of Nov. 1, just arrived in America: M. Duclos turned out to be a tiny man, no more than five feet high with an enormous head and the handshake of a polar bear. With his deep, pleasant voice and beaming smile, he made me think of Old King Cole in miniature.

M. Duclos then plunged straight into a full account of the Communist Party organizing French resistance. "We started resisting the day the armistice was signed in 1940, when we published an appeal to the people to rise against the traitors."

"We contacted not former political leaders but the lower-rank men active in party life. We also got in touch with many priests and active Socialist workers."

"Just prior to the Normandy landing we reckon there were about 180,000 francs-tireurs, and last August there were probably a quarter of a million francs-tireurs and partisans."

Today's Guest Column

Dialogue on Nomination Of Joseph C. Grew

by Frederick V. Field

THE telephone has just rung and I have had the following conversation with a good friend of mine whom I shall designate as X. Before getting to the conversation itself, let me assure you that X is a person for whom I have great respect and admiration, a person who has done more for the people of China than I ever hope to do in my life.

After the preliminary greetings our talk was something like this:

X: "What do you think of the nomination of Grew as Undersecretary of State?"

F: "I can think of several people who would have been better. What do you think?"

X: "I think it stinks. And I want to know what you're going to do about it."

F: "Well, my plans are to support Grew's nomination as well as that of Clayton, Rockefeller and MacLeish."

X: "But my God, Fred, don't you know that Grew is a reactionary? Don't you know that he is working for a strong Japan after the war headed by Hirohito? Don't you know that Chinese progressives hate him?"

F: "Just a minute, X, let's get some perspective on this thing. Certainly Grew is a conservative, but I wouldn't call him a reactionary, because I associate the word reac-



tionary with semi-fascists and anti-war people and I know that Grew isn't that.

X: "Isn't it true, Fred, that Grew has spoken in favor of retaining the emperor and that he's for a strong Japan after the war?"

F: "O.K., maybe he did make some speeches exonerating the emperor when he first came back from Japan, but I'm more impressed with what he's been saying lately about the dangers of our falling for some of the moderates now being brought back into public life in Tokyo. Grew has been warning us not to fall into their trap for a negotiated peace. That makes sense to me."

X: "Well, what about China? Just as Chungking is putting some decent men like T. V. Soong into big positions we elevate a man whom progressive Chinese don't trust because of his long record of appeasement in Japan."

F: "I think you're strictly wrong there, X. President Roosevelt's policy on China is very progressive, it may even be the decisive force that will rebuild China. I doubt whether Grew or anybody else in the State Department is going to reverse that policy. It's been developed over the bodies of mighty tough babies in the Department, some of whom aren't there any more. The President and public opinion are going to see that there is no change toward China."

"THE point where you go haywire, X, is in believing that we're fighting for some kind of socialism, and that therefore only progressive liberals can run the government. This is a capitalist country, and that's the kind of country that's fighting this war. It's not only natural, but it's vital to have conservatives and business men in the government. Without them how can we possibly have national unity?"

"Now if it had been Berle or Long or one of the other fancy boys with a long pro-Franco, anti-Soviet record behind them who had been nominated Undersecretary, I'd be all for protesting. But in the case of Grew we're dealing with a genuinely anti-fascist conservative and I, for one, am perfectly willing to work with him. If he makes mistakes on policy we'll raise hell. But let's not protest simply because he's a conservative."

X: "I disagree and as a matter of fact, I was thinking of sending a letter of protest to the White House this afternoon."

F: "Well, I'm not, and what's more, I'm afraid you'd find yourself associated with a bunch of semi-fascist reactionaries and crackpot Social Democrats, and by joining with them all what you'd accomplish will be to strengthen their disruptive campaign."

X: "If that's the score, I guess I'd better think again before I mail that letter."

Views On Labor News

The Plain Facts and the UAW's No-Strike Referendum

by George Morris

ANNOUNCEMENT several days ago by War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug that a half a billion dollar project is under way to increase facilities for output of mortar ammunition ought to be food for a lot of thought.

Half a billion dollars is a lot of money and covers a lot of construction. We must be planning to use a great many fortars and a great many mortars and a munition. In short, the war is neither over nor in the bag. It doesn't take a military strategist to see the long and difficult road ahead both in Europe and in the Pacific. Little details such as the mortar munition project ought to be convincing proof of what the plans are.

With this introduction, my mind goes back to Grand Rapids, Mich., early in September, where the tense and uproarious convention of 2,000 United Automobile Worker delegates was in session. A large portion of the convention wanted the no-strike pledge rescinded immediately. Another group led by vice-president Walter Reuther wanted the no-strike pledge lifted in "civilian" production immediately after Germany's defeat. Reuther's people, apparently, regarded the war upon Japan as either a pushover or unimportant.

The majority of those howling delegations



that came there to kill the no-strike pledge were not Trotskyite, Socialist or Lewis agents. The Trotskyites, Lewisites and Socialists were able to incite much of the movement to rescind the pledge because an atmosphere in the country generally created fertile ground for them.

Our forces were cutting through France at a rapid pace. The eastern front was shaping along Germany's inner fortress and the pace was gaining momentum in the Pacific. Even many in high authority talked of an early end of the war. Republican politicians and the bulk of the press which was pro-Republican whipped up this atmosphere, in line with their strategy that Dewey would make a great "postwar" President.

WORKERS in large numbers, too, turned their main attention to postwar prospects. The warning that the no-strike pledge must be kept didn't sound very convincing to those who expected almost any day to be in an armistice day celebration. This is one major explanation why so many at Grand Rapids took the proposal to rescind the no-strike pledge so lightly, and agreed to a referendum vote on the issue.

Now the UAW's nine-man committee in charge of the referendum has set a time for the balloting and a deadline. The union of 1,250,000 members is in a tense campaign

again. Those who wanted an opportunity to demoralize and create doubts of labor's historic role in this war, are making the most of their opportunity. But the plain facts of life should be the most convincing arguments against rescinding of the pledge. In fact, it would be a serious blow to the war effort and labor's record, if even a large minority is rolled up against the pledge.

As for the Trotskyites who are so actively campaigning to kill the pledge, I have before me the current issue of their paper, the Militant. The leading editorial entitled Fraternization, calls upon the American soldiers on the battlefield to "fraternize" with the enemy soldiers. Its authors bluntly say that the American soldier has no reason to fight the armed forces of the Axis.

SOME weeks earlier a Militant editorial denounced the American command for smashing a couple of German sniper-ridden villages that were in the path of the U.S. Army's advance. Another editorial tried to whitewash the Germans for the Malden murder factory, calling the atrocities lies.

Unfortunately, the members of some UAW locals where Trotskyites are in office, do not read the Militant and do not realize what is really behind this agitation to end the no-strike pledge. They don't know that these people are advising the 250,000 UAW members in the services to "fraternize" with the Japanese and Nazis rather than kill them.

Science Notebook

CAN the national income be maintained in peacetime at the high wartime level? Will 60 million workers have jobs? Can sub-standard wages be increased? Can workers achieve a higher standard of living after the war?

Economists of the government and business world have given fairly positive answers to these questions. But the Brookings Institution of Washington, D. C., has just issued a pamphlet by Joseph Mayer on Postwar National Income: Its Probable Magnitude, which assumes that the high wartime level of production and full employment cannot be maintained.

Mayer sees no "precipitous collapse," for he believes that temporary difficulties of reconversion to peacetime production will be rapidly adjusted. But he argues that, without any change in price levels, the total national income in 1947 would be only about \$123 billion, or \$25 billion below the high figure of 1943 and some \$35 billion below the still higher estimates for 1944.

These national income figures are, of course, not to be confused with the larger total of gross national product which, in 1944, is approaching \$200 billion, while national income, in 1944, is approaching some \$160 billion. (National income excludes the business taxes and additions to depreciation reserves



by Labor Research Ass'n

which represent part of the gross national product.)

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Prof. Seymour E. Harris of Harvard, Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and S. Morris Livingston of the U.S. Department of Commerce are among those who have set higher postwar goals. Their estimates range from \$160 billion to \$200 billion of gross national product. These imply that postwar national income would range from \$130 billion upward to \$160 billion or more.

IF MAYER'S estimates were correct, earnings of workers, farmers and self-employed professional and business men would decline after the war by more than \$27 billion. Total interest payments would have increased by \$2.6 billion, and dividends and rents would remain unchanged.

Small buyers of war bonds might have some slight share in higher interest payments. But even if workers received all the added interest (as, of course, they would not), this could not begin to offset their loss of earnings. For Mayer assumes that, even if full employment could be maintained, total wages would be cut by elimination of overtime and the shift from highly paid war industries to civilian production. He sees no increase in basic wage rates to offset the shorter hours

Low Sights On Postwar Income

Average weekly earnings would thus be sharply reduced.

The Brookings pamphlet claims that basic wage rates in manufacturing have risen more than wholesale prices of manufactured goods, so that profits have been "maintained" by the overtime use of plant and equipment. "With the return to normal plant use and a reduced volume of output," it believes, "the maintenance of existing wage rates may well be difficult even with some increase in man-hour efficiency."

ACTUALLY, of course, profits after taxes have been not merely "maintained" but doubled since 1939: doubled in relation to net worth of corporations, and considerably more than doubled in actual billions of dollars.

Lest the reader be unduly impressed by the academic language and the array of statistics and footnotes in this and other pamphlets of the Brookings Institution, it may be well to note the comment on this agency made recently in The Nation (Oct. 21). It said:

"Though this supposed institution of pure economic research bears the honored name of a liberal American business man, it has for many years been the outstanding academic servant of reaction in America. The planning and timing of its economic studies have been in the closest correlation with reactionary drives in Congress and with astute public relations campaigns to manipulate public thinking."

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

How to Get Soviet Films

Salt Lake City, Utah.
Editor, Daily Worker:

We always enjoy reading what Dave Platt has to say in his articles in The Worker.

I am writing to make inquiry about the possibility of obtaining some of the Soviet films to be shown in Utah.

We have a very fine and loyal group of progressives here in Salt Lake City, and a regular showing of a Soviet film would do much to break down some of the suspicion and resistance which is so characteristic of every community. So, would you please give me any information you may have as to how one could contact persons who could tell us about the films on Soviet Russia. The New Gulliver, The Rainbow, and dozens of others would be welcomed contributions to our activities here. J.R.P.

[Ed. Note: This letter was referred to Artkino, official distributors of Soviet films here, 730 Seventh Ave., New York, N. Y.]

The Vatican And Hitler

New Haven, Conn.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Do you not try too much to please the Vatican in your observations on world affairs? In all his writings has the Pope ever really condemned Hitler, Mussolini, Goering or any one of the Nazi-Fascist gang? In a little magazine called The Converted Catholic (issue of December) I find this sentence: "Now that Hitler's star is on the decline, it is well to recall to record the jubilation expressed by the Catholic Church in Germany at the signing of the Concordat between the Vatican and Hitler's regime in July, 1933, shortly after he rose to power. It refers to an article in the German Catholic paper Germania at that time which praised Hitler, von Papen and Pacelli (now Pope Pius XII). No devout or practical Catholic will ever come to 'our side.'"

EMIL N.

Dewey's Feed Scare Tactics

Naples, Idaho.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Gov. Dewey's feed scare tactics have had some effect on the farmers out here. At the same time, they are not as enthusiastic as they should be about price control, which they don't always understand.

One reason why the OPA is resented is because of its shortcomings. This year was poor hay year so a ceiling price was put on hay at \$20.50 per ton. If you had it baled you could add \$5 per ton. Then if you shipped it you could slap on any shipping price you wanted. This loophole was one way to profiteer, so many hay farmers shipped their hay and those that usually buy hay can't get any.

Some of the country's finest cattle have been shipped to market. Every day there are truckloads of stock going out. Our country will feel this for many years. It is here that some of Gov. Dewey's feed scare tactics evidently were used and were effective in this state.

Workers, farmers, and all unite—the fascist menace is not yet passed. PETER.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Dubinsky Redbaiting Clique Backs Churchill on Greece

The New Leader, house-organ of the New York Liberal Party's leadership, had the distinction yesterday of being the first newspaper to charge that the Soviet Union is responsible for the present tragedy in Greece.

No one, not even Churchill, has dared to bring the Soviet Union's name into the controversy. But true to its deep-seated, disgusting hatred of Russia, the New Leader perseveres.

"This is Civil War—new style—ordered by Moscow," is the punchline of Liston M. Oak's front page harangue in the Dec. 9th issue.

With the slavishness of a Papandreou, and despite criticism of Churchill from American and British labor, the New Leader declares that "the British are justified in upholding the Pierlot government in

Belgium and the Papandreou government in Greece—with American support."

The last phrase—with American support—ignores completely the two declarations by Edward R. Steptinus this week, and discloses just how much support for our government the Liberal Party's followers can expect from David Dubinsky, the party bigwig.

NO ILLUSIONS

After backing the British government, the New Leader has no illusions at all about what it is supporting:

"It is evident that London and

Washington are attempting to restore the status quo ante-bellum, and hence back reactionary forces."

But since it cannot let go its anti-Soviet fixation, the paper adds: "while simultaneously carrying on a policy of appeasing Moscow!"

But can Washington be linked so glibly with London?

And what has appeasing Moscow got to do with crushing Greek and Belgian democracy?

And what kind of "liberals" are these who so openly support what they admit to be reactionary forces?

We wonder what the N. Y. Post, and the people who voted for the Liberal Party think of this gospel straight from David Dubinsky?

Move Grows in Free Poland to Give Gov't Status to Committee

By JOHN GIBBONS
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—Throughout liberated Poland the public demand is increasing for raising the National Liberation Committee to government status.

[A meeting of the Polish National Council—a parliamentary consultative body—will be required before the committee can be transformed into a provisional government, thus breaking completely with the Lon-

don emigre government, W. H. Lawrence reports in yesterday's New York Times.]

The National Liberation Committee, working under incredible difficulties, has a splendid record of achievement. Land reform is now nearing completion in liberated territory—thus realizing the century-old aspirations of the Polish peasantry.

Large enterprises have been nationalized while small enterprises

are given every encouragement and assistance.

Religious bodies enjoy freedom, and trade unions are functioning without restriction. Together with the political parties, these are wholeheartedly supporting the measures of the National Liberation Committee and the strong Polish army, officered by Poles, fighting alongside the Red Army for the liberation of all Polish territory.

The situation in liberated Poland is the opposite of that in liberated Belgium. By punishing fifth column elements, fulfilling a program of reforms and waging a relentless struggle against the Germans, the Polish Liberation Committee has won its way to the hearts of the Polish people.

Yugoslav Peoples Voting on Basic Rights

New declarations of rights, guaranteeing essential liberties and defining duties of the people, are being adopted by the congresses of the six nations which will make up the new federated, democratic Yugoslavia.

John Chabot Smith, in yesterday's Herald Tribune, reports that the Croatian declaration, adopted May 9, 1944, includes the following points:

1. The Croat and Serb peoples in Croatia have equal rights, and national minorities are guaranteed the full exercise of their national lives.

2. All citizens of Croatia have equal rights, without regard to nationality, race or religion.

3. Women have the same rights as men.

4. Every citizen is guaranteed the security of his person and property; rights of private property and private enterprise in business are guaranteed.

5. Liberty of religion and of conscience is guaranteed to all citizens.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

6. Liberty of speech, the press, assembly, public speaking and organization is guaranteed to all citizens, but during the war these rights are to be exercised through the medium of the national liberation organizations.

7. The right to vote and hold office is enjoyed by all citizens, male and female, 18 years of age and older; fighting soldiers of the National Army of Liberation and Partisan units may vote and hold office regardless of age.

After the war the elections shall be by direct vote and secret ballot. Lunatics and traitors to the national interest are excluded from the benefits of this and the preceding paragraph.

8. The duty and honor of all citizens capable of bearing arms, without respect to nationality or religion, is to participate in the fight for national liberation in Partisan units; treason against the nation through serving the enemy or spying for the enemy will be punished by death.

9. In the interest of security and strengthening of the democratic life and fraternity of the Yugoslav people, and in the interest of securing the gains of the struggle for national liberation, all Fascist and pro-Fascist organizations are forbidden, because they work against the liberty and the independence of the Yugoslav people.

10. To all citizens the right is guaranteed to appeal from decisions of the government authorities if they believe they have been injured in any of the above rights. No one can be judged without due process of law.

11. The popular government is concerned with the problem of illiteracy and the improvement of the national level of culture, and it assures free education to all citizens.

Buffalo CIO Backs St. Lawrence Seaway

The Greater Buffalo CIO reaffirmed its support of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project at a recent meeting. A representative of the National Maritime Union told the gathering that his union now favored the project despite former opposition that the plan would be detrimental to lake seamen.

The council defeated a motion to table a letter from the Northern Federation of Chambers of Commerce supporting the plan.

Hugh Thompson, regional CIO director, declared the project would reduce the cost of electric power in Buffalo by almost 90 percent.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (10 words to a line—3 lines minimum).
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Tonight—Manhattan

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT by the Dental Technicians Equity, CIO, presents Ralph and his orchestra. Unusual program. Hotel Abbey, 51st St. East of B'way. Saturday, Dec. 9th, 8:30 p.m. Proceeds to Allied War Relief and Red Cross. Servicemen free. Sub. \$1.20.

PARTY to raise funds for our servicemen. Entertainment, refreshments, dancing. Subscription 50c. Club Origin, 194 Clinton St. 9 p.m.

THE JEFFERSON CHORUS, under the direction of Horace Grennell will offer a program of choral music on Saturday evening, Dec. 9th. The program will feature "The Lonesome Train," "Freedom's Plow," "No Village Like Mine," "Allen Called Columbus" and a group of United Nations songs. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. \$1.00. 8:30 p.m.

SERVICEMEN'S GIFT FUND PARTY. Celebrities, square dancing, refreshments. Run by College Division AYD at 13 Astor Pl. TU Lounge. Adm. 50c. 8 p.m.

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THE JEFFERSON PLAYERS offer for its first public performance four one-act plays directed by Miriam Goldina of "A Bell for Adano," and Maureen Holbert. Followed by social and folk dancing. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. 50c. Sunday, Dec. 10.

BEING A XMAS GIFT of new clothing for a Soviet orphan to Grace Church. B'way at 10th St., Sunday, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. Rev. Pitt, Vilhelmur Stefansson, Stepan Arshon of USSR. Russian anthems. Ausp.: Greenwich Village Russian War Relief.

Tomorrow Bronx
FIRST IN A SERIES OF LECTURES. "The Balkans and Greece" by John Roman. Sunday night, Allerton Educational Center, 2700 Oliveville Ave.

PROFESSOR KAZAKEVITCH will speak on "Russia and Poland" Sunday, Dec. 10, 8:30 p.m. in the Cooperative Auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East.

Tomorrow—Brooklyn
LEONARD LAMB, Spanish war veteran, military analyst, speaks Sunday evening on "Franco Spain and the War." Brighton Community Center.

Coming.
"THE NEGRO AND THE NATION" one week morning course given jointly by the Jefferson School, George Washington Carver School, People's Voice, starts Monday, Dec. 11th through 15th at the George

Washington Carver School, 97 West 125th St. Outstanding lecturers include: Doxey Wilkerson, Gwendolyn Bennett, Alphaeus Hunton, Thomas Richardson and others. The fee is \$5.00. Registration at both Jefferson and Carver School offices.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ALP BALL. Penthouse, 13 Astor Pl. Mary Lou Williams, Bernie Herin, Madeline Lee, CBS star; Jane Hoffman; "One Touch of Venus"; Cass Carr and Orch. Tickets at ALP Clubs and Union Offices. \$2.20 in advance, \$2.50 at door, tax included.

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Tokyo Admits Earthquake Blow

By United Press

The Japanese admitted that an earthquake, described by British seismologists as even more violent than the 1923 Yokohama disaster that killed 100,000 persons, rolled up huge tidal waves and loosed landslides yesterday across a 150-mile belt of central Japan extending through the teeming Tokyo area.

After withholding all word on the temblor for more than 24 hours, the Tokyo radio finally broke its silence early-Friday to announce that the most populous center of the Japanese homeland had been hit yesterday afternoon.

The Tokyo broadcast insisted, however, that only "slight" damage had been caused and that practically none of the capital district's crowded war plants were affected.

Seismologists at the powerful West Bromwich observatory in England reported, however, that the shock, coming ironically on the third anniversary of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, was one of the most violent recorded thus far in the 20th century.

J. S. Shaw, seismologist, said the Japanese location of the shock center suggested strongly that Japan may have suffered even a greater catastrophe than in 1923.

King Gov't in Canada Wins Confidence Vote

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (UP).—The Canadian House of Commons early today upheld the government of Prime Minister MacKenzie King. The vote was 143 to 70.

The vote of confidence in King's government came after more than two weeks of prolonged debate, particularly on the issue of sending Canadian conscripted soldiers abroad.

The motion for confidence in King's government contained an amendment offered by the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, which changed the reading of the motion to exclude the question of supporting the "policy" of King's government.

The result was recorded in the sixth vote which the House had taken during a sitting which opened yesterday at 3 p.m.

More Boy Babies

The bureau of census revealed that among the approximately 3,000,000 births reported last year, boys outnumbered girls by a small margin.

Attack on State Dept. Appointments Hides Anti-FDR Schemes

By MAX GORDON

Two nationally prominent columnists representing opposite points of view, concluded yesterday that Senate foes of FDR's foreign policies had deliberately seized upon the

vote to confirm four Presidential appointees to key State Department posts Wednesday as a demonstration of opposition to those policies.

One was the Herald Tribune's Mark Sullivan, leading spokesman for reaction, to whom we have been grateful on more than one occasion for exposing the hand of his friends and political bedfellows.

The other was Samuel Grafton, progressive columnist for the New York Post.

It should be noted, incidentally, that among the Senators who voted against immediate confirmation of the four men were virtually all the major opponents of United Nations policy present, including Senators Taft, Wheeler, Danaher, Clark

Senate Open Hearings On State Dept. Aides

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted today to begin open hearings next Tuesday on the qualifications of the four men recently appointed by President Roosevelt to the State Department.

Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.), who opposed open hearings, said that Secretary of State Edward D. Stettinius, Jr., will be among the first to testify.

(Mo), Chandler, Johnson (Cal.), and Johnson (Col.), Langer and LaFollette.

DEFEATIST UNEASINESS

Sullivan noted yesterday that the vote did not represent a serious attempt to kill final confirmation since that is believed impossible. The deeper purpose, he said, was to "find out about the President's foreign policies."

He went on to explain that there is uneasiness concerning "proposed international agreements having to do with economic matters" and concerning administration attitude toward developments in liberated countries in Europe. He recalled that when the Atlantic Charter and Four Freedoms were originally projected three years ago, there were "assertions" that the administration was trying to extend "the New Deal on a worldwide basis or that a kind of international collectivism was contemplated."

Sullivan's implication is obvious. The group for which he speaks blocked confirmation as an expression of opposition to the steps taken by the administration to implement the Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter.

The Herald Tribune columnist also noted that there was fear from the "left" that the appointment of conservatives indicated FDR was turning "conservative" in his foreign policy. We doubt whether administration Senators like Wagner, Mead, Murray, Guffey and others who opposed confirmation did so on that ground. More likely, they were confused by the shouting of certain liberals of the PM variety who want to substitute their own foibles and predilections for national policy and hence threaten national unity.

GRAFTON ANSWERS
Grafton hit the nail squarely on the head Thursday when he noted that the President in appointing "four men of varying shades of opinion to important posts in the (foreign) branch of our government" has shown that "foreign policy is not the property of liberals alone nor of conservatives alone; that it is not special and limited in its appeal, but broad and general."

The important thing about the (William L.) Clayton appointment, Grafton noted, it not that the President has yielded to conservative opinion, but that "conservative business opinion has yielded to the demands of our foreign policy, and agreed to support it."

Meanwhile, PM yesterday continued its bitter fight against the Clayton appointment with an incredible editorial appealing to those who want the U. S. to set up cotton trade barriers and export subsidies to oppose his confirmation.



Heartbroken and with bowed head, I am notifying all my relatives and friends all over the country that my only son and dear friend

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Bill Mardo

But for the intervention of the Cincy Reds' Warren Giles, the minor leagues would have shelved yesterday their high school development program.

At the final session of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues just concluded at Buffalo, the convention was prepared to do away with their habit of sponsoring baseball clinics throughout the country for the teenage diamond hopefuls.

The action was being undertaken because of a committee report which stated that 40 percent less baseball was being played in the secondary schools as compared with the amount of scholastic teams put on the field ten years ago.

Fortunately Warren Giles convinced the minor league moguls not to abandon their training schools, and it resulted in a successful vote for the minors to spend \$5,000 next season for baseball clinics in 15 states. The majors will match that figure.

It seems to me the committee report which precipitated the near-blunder was stupidly shortsighted. Certainly, it's unfair to compare this year's amount of high school teams with those of 10 years ago. There's a war on today, gentlemen, and the 18-year-olds and the men who coached them are now banging out base hits against the Axis.

It would've been a helluva state of affairs if those kids coming back and the youngsters who'll be hitting their 18th birthday when the war ends, couldn't get a decent chance of breaking into baseball.

Warren Giles was really in there pitching yesterday.

The Pete Gray of soccer, one-armed Gonzalo Romero, will be the center of attraction next Thursday night at the Sixth War Loan Indoor Soccer Tournament.

Romero lost his right arm while working in a plant three years ago, but has managed to overcome this handicap and come close to regaining the form that made him one of the game's crackerjack forwards when he used to play with the Hispanos.

To avoid as much body contact as possible, the plucky Spaniard now plays outside right with the Segura squad. But Romero's amazing comeback doesn't surprise us too much.

You'd kind of expect it from a guy who fought with the Loyalists against Franco, when fascism first kicked off against his native Spain.

Battle of the Skyscrapers

This city's two weakest hoop squads, Brooklyn College and Long Island University, make their Garden debut in a twinnish against Western Michigan and Valparaiso.

While neither of these contests is expected to provide the finest brand of basketball the Garden will display this year—certainly the LIU-Valparaiso shindig will be featuring the tallest guys in the game.

Eight of Valparaiso's 12-man squad stand above 6 ft. 2 inches... but LIU's Carl Meinhold, Elmer Benyak, and George Slava all range from 6'3 to 6'5, and so the two clubs are about even-Stephen in the altitude department.

However, Valparaiso's Bob Dille may prove the more important difference in points tonight. Last season, Dille was his team's top scorer and figured importantly in Valparaiso's upset over De Paul. The sharp-shooting forward was one of two forwards selected for the Helm Institute's annual All-American squad, the other fellow being Mister Dale Hall of Army—you may have heard of him.

J. B. Chambers, who almost hits the Garden ceiling at 6'10, alternates at center with his first-string buddy, 6'9 Milt Schoon. They are the two tallest string-beans on the Valparaiso squad.

Valparaiso's ability doesn't begin and end in the size department. They are traditionally ranked along with the top mid-Western teams... and their win over De Paul last year provided one of the major upsets of the season. They've won all of their games thus far in the current campaign.

LIU, likewise have copped three games this season, but the Blackbirds ain't what they used to be. Once the traditional top team of the city and sometimes the nation, LIU is loaded with green kids who won't even have the guiding hand of Eddie Younger to help them when they get in trouble.

LIU's starting lineup tonight will probably see the three freshmen kids, Meinhold, Benyak and Gozdenovich team up with Les Rothman and Louis Goldstein. Of the LIU reserves, only Vincent Verdeschi and Irving Ekenazi, who saw some Garden service last year, are veterans. Stanley Bloomburg, promising freshman center, was inducted into the Army this week and LIU's hopes for a so-so season fell even further.

Plucky Brooklyn College is out to repeat their surprising upset of last year's Garden season when they beat Western Kentucky, by shellacking Western Michigan's Bronco's tonight. But as usual, the Kingsmen have more spirit than talent. They're loaded with a bunch of big newcomers, most interesting of the crowd being their 6'4 center, Stan Harwood, former Madison High star. Brooklyn has won two games this semester.

Western Michigan will be sending another Navy trainee team in there against the Flatbushers and their record for the early campaign reads one victory and one loss, bowing to Michigan even though they outscored the Wolverines in the second half.

We'll take both out-of-town teams tonight, heaven forgive us.

—BILL MARDON.

Rangers Must Learn Not to Play Santa

Well, they're getting stronger by degrees, are those Rangers, but they persist in knifing themselves by playing Santa Clause to every team they meet.

That was the story Thursday night at the Garden when Lester Patrick's men, replete with a new line, presented the Detroit Red Wings with a charitable 3-2 victory.

It will be interesting to see whether the Blueshirts can finally rid themselves of that annoying habit when they tackle the Chicago Black Hawks at the Garden tomorrow evening.

Against Detroit, the main flaw to be found in the new Ranger lineup was their understandable inability to work as a unit. But with Phil Watson working center between Grant Warwick and Scherza, the Rangers are presenting their strongest trio thus far, and one that is bound to improve with each contest.

Of the newcomers Bill Moe and Guy Labrie, Moe made the greatest impression on the 13,000 fans who watched his debut. He plays a heady kind of game, though obviously lacking Bucko McDonald's ability to body-check a man into dreamland. Nevertheless, his capable skating, when compared to the leaden-footed tactics of the obese Bucko, more than makes up for that deficiency.

Jimmy Drummond and Gaston Gauthier didn't play against the Wings Thursday night, but both men may get on the ice tomorrow against Chicago, who the Rangers should lick handily—provided they remember there's still some two-and-a-half weeks left in which time the Black Hawks can buy their own Christmas presents.

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11:15-WJZ—Transatlantic Quiz	11:15-WJZ—Smilin' Ed McConnell
11:30-WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell	WOR—Hockey Hall
WJZ—Land of the Lost	WABC—Billie Burke Show
WQXR—Concert Music	11:55-WQXR—News Reports

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12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time	WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Ray Armen, Songs	WABC—Theater of Today
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WOR—News; Juke Box	WJZ—News; Farm-Home Hour
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood	1:00-WEAF—To Be Announced
WOR—Dance Orchestra	WJZ—Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert
WABC—Grand Central Station	1:15-WABC—Health Talk
1:25-WABC—News Reports	1:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch
WOR—Lopez Orchestra	WJZ—News; Music
WABC—Report to the Nation	WQXR—Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF—John MacVane, News	WMCA—This Is Our Town

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—These Are Our Men	WOR—Dance Orchestra
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni	WABC—Of Men and Books
2:15-WEAF—Adventures in Science	WMCA—Christian Science Talk
2:30-WEAF—To Be Announced	WOR—Leo Egan, News
WABC—To Be Announced	WMCA—Studio Music
WQXR—Request Music	2:45-WOR—Cy Walter, Piano
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4:00-WOR—News; Airplane Trio	WABC—Report From Washington
WMCA—Ray Smith, Songs	4:15-WABC—Report From Overseas
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Giants Have Mental Edge Over Redskins

by Phil Gordon

If the psychological "lift" wins ball games in the professional grid loop—then the New York Giants will win tomorrow's finale to the home-and-home series with the Washington Redskins to determine the Eastern Division champion.

The charges of Stout Steve Owens seemed out of the money at one time during this hectic campaign, but with the amazing resurgence of Ken Strong and Arnie Herber, the Giants have roared right back to where they are—in the driver's seat for a crack at the Green Bay Packers and national pro crown.

Last week's game was a hum-dinger, with Sammy Baugh regaining his oldtime form in time to almost sink the Giants single-handedly—but an interception and a plucky spot decision by Owens turned near defeat into a sensational victory for the New Yorkers and gave them the edge in morale and games won which they'll carry into Washington with them tomorrow.

Coach Steve said his pupils should be close to peak form for their decisive Washington engagement. Len Calligaro and Hubeth Barker, minor casualties in last Sunday's Redskin battle will again see service in their blocking back positions. Joe Sulaitis, who hurt his left arm in the 'Skins encounter, still is on the doubtful list. The stalwart Jersey City back might perform if badly needed.

The Giants gained 160 yards rushing, but Owen insists his men were more handicapped by the unfavorable footing than their opponents, who gained only 55 yards on land. Bill Paschal, who ran wild against the Capital Braves in two games last year, figures to do well on a fast field Sunday. With 683 yards in 179 carries the Blond Bill already is assured of ground gaining laurels this season.

Ward Cuff, again very effective

Read Slowly, Please!

The Philadelphia Eagles, in second place, are crowding the Giants in the closest National League eastern race on record. Should the New Yorkers lose to the Redskins tomorrow and Philadelphia triumphs over Cleveland, then the Eagles will capture the big crown.

If the Giants tie the Redskins and the Eagles defeat the Rams, New York and Philly will be deadlocked for the eastern title. That would mean a divisional playoff, as was the case when New York and Washington tied last year.

If Washington is victorious and Philadelphia is upset by Cleveland, the Redskins and Giants would find themselves in a first-place tie and thus would clash in another playoff game. If the Giants beat the Redskins, then it won't matter what the Eagles do in the finale on their home grounds.

and versatile, is the pro circuit's sixth best ground gainer, with 412 yards in 69 attempts.

The Redskins are most impressive in the aerial department. Currently, Frank Filchock is No. 1 passer, 132 attempts, 78 completed for 1107 yards. He tossed for 13 touchdowns. Baugh ranks third, 143 attempts for 68 completions, 702 yards. Slingin' Sam made only four touchdown pitches. This season, in their new T-formation installed by Dud DeGroot, first-year-coach, Filchock and Baugh tossed to five outstanding receivers.

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—Film Front—

A World Conference On Educational Films

by David Platt

I know at least one far-sighted film studio that is thinking seriously about the use of educational films in the post-war. Warner Brothers (who else) is planning a major edu-

cational production unit with an eye to reaching the liberated lands with democratic visual truths, but that's not all. The other day Harry Warner met with Judge Sam Rosenman and Joseph E. Davies at the White House to discuss the calling of a world conference on educational motion pictures. The plan is to invite leading educators of all the United Nations to discuss the use of the screen as an aid in postwar reconstruction. It is reported that Judge Rosenman and Mr. Davies were delegated by President Roosevelt to meet with Harry Warner and prepare for the conference which is expected to take place in Washington early in 1945.

A SHORT-SIGHTED STUDIO

While Harry Warner was in Washington planning this visual educational conference, another film producer, William Goetz, head of International Pictures was boasting to the press that his studio was unalterably opposed to films with a message. Said Mr. Goetz:

"There is no medium better equipped to serve the vital need of these times than motion pictures... but our policy will remain—no war pictures. We see no need to attempt repetition of war drama so graphically brought home to us by other mediums of communication—news-papers, picture magazines, radio, newsreels and through personal letters direct from battle-fronts."

What Goetz really saying is this: The greatest war in history is rapidly changing the face of the world. The future of every individual is being decided on the battlefields of Europe and Asia. Newspapers, picture magazines, radio, newsreels must do everything they can to help defeat Hitler. But feature motion pictures, the most potent of all media of information and education must not dirty its skirts by plunging into the battle. American films have a more important mission to perform.

Spine-Tingling Mystery Play

Hand in Glove, at the 48 St. Playhouse, is a psychological murder mystery with the mystery eliminated in the opening scene, a chiller-diller prologue wherein the murderer lets the audience in on the identity of the killer and for the following three acts keeps the rest of the cast guessing. But good old Scotland Yard comes through, as was expected.

Authors Charles K. Freeman and Gerald Savor accomplish what they set out to do in the play. By the time the young maniac-murderer has killed his second girl, the audience is in need of a sedative.

The story is simple: a badly repressed young English shipyard worker permits certain of his biological limitations to twist his desire for women into fiendish Jack the Ripper forays on fog-darkened Yorkshire streets. With equal fiendishness of purpose he joins in the search of the murderer and subtly turns the suspicion of the villagers and the police to an idiot nephew of his landlady.

It is the acting of George Lloyd, who plays the killer, and the rest of the cast that makes Hand in Glove an evening of exciting entertainment. Top honors in making the chiller a real thing should go to Lloyd as murderer Ramskill; stage and screen veteran Isobel Elsom, who enacts the part of Auntie B, the landlady; Skelton Knaggs, as the idiot nephew Hughie, and Aubrey Mather, who handles the

In this crisis, it is Hollywood's duty to serve the vital needs of the nation by producing films that have absolutely nothing to do with the vital needs of the nation. That's what Goetz is suggesting. If he had his way, the Wilson film—the most popular political film in our history would not have been made. MGM would not have made Song of Russia, Seventh Cross, Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, Dragon Seed, or American Romance, if Goetz had been in charge there.

LIVING IN THE PAST

Can you imagine a British or a Russian or a Chinese film producer adhering strictly to a policy of "no war—no messages—just entertainment" with buzz-bombs, zeros, flak, and whatnot overhead? Such a person would be ripe for the booby-hatch. But not Bill Goetz. As far as he is concerned the war was over when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He still thinks Coolidge is President. Somebody better tell him that the American people are politically awake and fully prepared to face the realities of today.

The producer of Casanova Brown and Belle of the Yukon says he is going to "picture the way of life Americans fight to preserve; to come home to." This is double-talk for say nothing, see nothing do nothing that smacks of growth or change, or interferes with life as usual. "We see no need to attempt repetition of war drama so graphically brought home to us by other mediums of communication." It's common knowledge that Warners, 20th Fox, MGM, Columbia and RKO have a long string of patriotic subjects on the war and postwar lined up for 1945 but International will have no part of this constructive program for America. They will devote themselves exclusively to picturing in comedies, mysteries, westerns and musicals—a way of life that passed out with the Republican administrations. Their motto is "No war no messages—just entertainment." Add it to the list of famous last words.

Choral Music Program

The Jefferson Choral, under the direction of Horace Grenell, will offer a program of choral music tonight (Saturday). The Program will consist of Lampell-Robinson's The Lonesome Train; Freedom's Plow, script by Langston Hughes, narrated by Jay Williams; a series of United Nations songs; No Village Like Mine by Aaron Copland; Allen Called Columbus, by Herbert Haufrecht, Erie Canal, arranged by Norman Lloyd; Holiday Song by William Schuman; Our Hope and Faith by Earl Robinson.

Jewish Music—

Yesterday, Today

The third in a series of free lectures will take place at the Metropolitan Music School, 111 West 88th St. on Sunday Dec. 10 at 8:15 p. m. Siegfried Landau, composer, conductor and lecturer, will speak on "Jewish Music, Yesterday and Today."

Adolph Wolf: A Memorial Exhibit

By NAT. WERNER

Adolph Wolf's sudden death last May came as a great shock to the hundreds of people, for whom contact with this vital personality had been an important activity in their lives.

At the meeting to honor the memory of Adolph Wolf, the famous sculptor, Louis Slobodkin, expressed concisely the feelings of all these people, when he said: "I cannot conceive of Adolph Wolf being dead. Despite his years, he was so young and alive, has his ideas so fresh and keen. I will remember him only this way. I might expect to meet him on the street tomorrow, to listen to his slow deliberate speech, full of both humanity and humor."

These qualities are to be found in the excellent memorial exhibition of Adolph Wolf's sculpture, current for two weeks, arranged at its headquarters, 189 Second Avenue by the Ykuf, of which the sculptor was an active member. Here, alive again through his work, he still communicates vigorously with the outside world with the same understanding that characterized his progressive activities. He felt above all that art belonged to the people.

Years back, when many other sculptors were exploring the dead-ends of formal experiment, Wolf was making fine small portrait

busts and plaques of Debs, Gorky, Lenin introducing, through mass production, good significant sculpture at small cost, low and medium income groups.

When the Sculptors Union and the Sculptors Guild, to both of which Adolph Wolf belonged, initiated a program for outdoor monumental sculpture that was plastically sound Adolph Wolf was the moving spirit, frequently doing the actual physical labor of setting up the sculpture for public view.

At this time, on WPA, he designed a magnificent pair of jaguars for the entrance to the Brooklyn Library the small study for which is included in the exhibit. It shows Wolf's keen perception of animal movement, a subject of great interest to him.

MISSING PIECES

Although twenty of Wolf's more important pieces mysteriously disappeared from his studio, shortly after his death, enough work is included to give the observer a good cross-section of the sculptor's directions. A book of photographs of all his work makes up for this loss.

One can readily detect how Wolf's

sensitive reaction to the social scene, especially during the bitter years, is reflected in the pieces of that period, among them the fearfully massed Klansmen, or the touching sculpture of the dead child in the arms of its mother. During this period Wolf also designed his various monkey figures, full of humor and satire on man's behavior. The high sculptural quality of these pieces fortunately overshadowed the pessimism inherent in this idea.

As signs of United Nations victory began to appear, Wolf's work took on the promise of the new world to come. This feeling reached its best expression in the sculpture "Towards Life," included in the 1943 Whitney Museum show. This life-size figure is of a young woman, handsome and strong, striding forward vigorously with the vision of the great new life lighting up her face. This same vision was in the eyes and mind of Adolph Wolf, when the weight of the terrific struggle to survive as an artist, coupled with the strain of the tireless work he was carrying on as a progressive front-line fighter, broke his health. What nobler works this vision might have inspired?

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Jefferson Players Theater Program

The Jefferson Players, a group of non-professional actors will present their first program of four one act plays tomorrow (Sunday) night at the Jefferson School of Social Science.

The group, under the direction of Miriam Goldina, have selected for their program the following one act plays: Circumstances Alter Cases by P. Yaltsev, and English translation of a Russian play performed in this country for the first time; Watchmaker and the Doctor by Gregory Romm, another Russian one act play; an adaptation of Guy De-Maupassant's The Port done by Miriam Goldina, and the Dear Departed by Stanley Houghton, completes the program.

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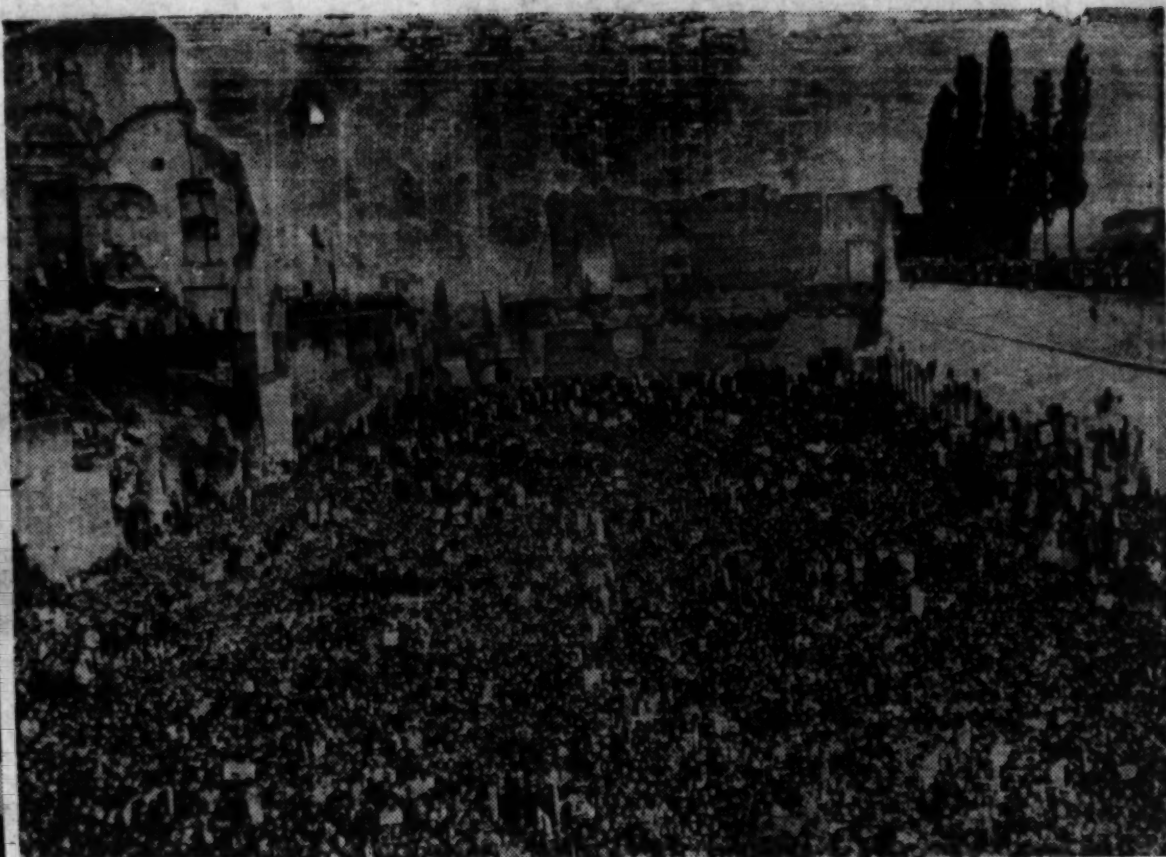
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Palmiro Togliatti, general secretary of the Italian Communist Party (left), addresses the vast Communist - Socialist mass meeting



(right) in the Stadium of the Palatine in Rome, held Nov. 12 to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Late Bulletins

Army and Navy Bombers Blast Japan Island Fortress of Iwo

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 8 (UP). — Warships of the Pacific Fleet, Superfortresses of the 21st Bomber Command and Liberators of the Seventh Army Air Force spread ruin through Japan's fortress island of Iwo in the Volcano on Pearl Harbor Day in a combined attack, it was announced today.

It was one of the greatest assaults ever made against a single target by combined American forces in the Pacific.

Front dispatches said the Iwo targets were ammunition, oil and

gasoline dumps, hangars, repair shops and airdromes.

The superforts carried probably 10 tons each. They struck at midday, bombing for an hour and three-quarters.

Though they flew low, the Japanese did not challenge them, and every plane returned.

A heavy force of Liberator B-24 heavy bombers, escorted by Lightning fighters, made their own attack as the contribution of the Army's Seventh Air Force.

Surface units of the Pacific fleet bombed installations along the coast.

Rout Japanese in Kweichow, Say Chinese

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (UP). — A Chinese army spokesman said today that 4,000 Japanese troops who entered Kweichow Province had been "routed," eliminating at least temporarily a threat to Kweiyang, the provincial capital and strategic transport center in southwest China.

The Chinese recaptured Pachai, Hanho, Shihpanchai and Tushan, and the Japanese now are falling back toward Kwangsi, one spokesman said.

"The threat to Kweiyang is temporarily removed, but the situation continues serious," he said. "We should not be too optimistic."

U. S. Plant Making Robot Bombs

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 8 (UP). — Production of jet-propelled robot bombs—the American counterpart of the Nazi V-1 "buzz bomb"—has begun in the aircraft division of Willy-Overland motors, Charles E. Sorensen, president, announced today.

Report Nazis Cleared From Albania

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP). — A Yugoslav partisan communique said today that Albanian guerrillas have cleared the Germans from their last strongpoints in Albania.

Vote New High Army, Navy Ranks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UP). — The House voted today to give the four top men in both the Army and Navy temporary ranks of General of the Army and Admiral of the Fleet—comparable to Field Marshal or other high ranks held by top-flight officers of other nations.

The measure, returned to the Senate for consideration of amendments, would not affect the base pay of \$8,000 annually for the officers to be designated, but would increase their allowances from \$2,800 to \$5,000 annually.

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The Veteran Commander

A BOLD COUP ON LEYTE

THE bold coup which the U. S. 77th Division pulled on Leyte deserves unmitigated admiration.

Racing in a light convoy from Leyte's western shore south, through the Suri-gao Strait and into the dangerous and Japanese-infested Camotes Sea, the division made a lightning surprise landing only three miles south of the port of Ormoc through which the enemy had been reinforcing his Leyte troops.

While our convoy was moving toward Ormoc a Japanese convoy was approaching the same port with reinforcements. The Japanese convoy was virtually destroyed by our planes.

The landing by our troops has practically cut the Japanese forces on Leyte in two because the coastal highway from southern Leyte north to Ormoc has been cut.

LATE developments in China make it appear that Central Government troops have lost almost all the power of resistance they had.

A Chungking announcement that the Japanese had been "routed" near Tushan must again be taken with several grains of salt. The talk about Chinese crack troops which were blockading the People's Armies in the north arriving to "save Kweichow Province" looks somewhat fantastic to us because the distance they would have to cover is 700 miles as the crow flies. It is a well-known fact that the endurance of the Chinese soldier is almost super-human, but even so he cannot be expected to march faster than an average of 25 miles a day which would mean that it would take Chinese divisions at least a month to reach Kweichow from the Yellow River.

The thing that can save the situation in China in our estimation is this: the throwing of com-

plete Allied support, moral and as far as possible—material, to the several hundred thousands of excellent Chinese troops in the people's area in the north with the view of starting a campaign to cut the Japanese communications between Manchuria and north China, and central China, i.e. along the Yennan-Tsindao line.

Simultaneously, our bomber bases could be organized in Shensi which would place them closer to Japan than those we have lost and are about to lose in south China. As far as bombing Manchuria is concerned such bomber bases would be incomparably better situated than those in the south were. The distance from Yennan to Mukden is half the distance from Kweiyang to Mukden.

GEN. PATTON is biting deeper into the forehead of the Siegfried Line, but has not yet reached the line where the "sitkrieg" of 1939-1940 developed in the shadow of the main fortifications; thus is not yet inside the line.

Little action developed in the other sectors of the western front.

MARSHAL TOLBUKHIN has straightened out his front along the entire 120-mile Nagikansza-Budapest line and is smack up against Lake Balaton along its entire length. It is not yet clear where he will make his next big stab—between the Drava and Balaton or between Balaton and the Danube. The Germans must be guessing, too. The former is the Graz direction, the latter—the Bratislava direction. It should also not be forgotten that Tolbukhin's left flank on the Drava is only 66 miles east of Zagreb and less than 130 miles from the Italian border.

Who would have thought a year ago that 145 years after Field Marshal Suvorov fought his famous Italian campaign, another Italian campaign might be in the offing for the great-grandsons of his men?

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